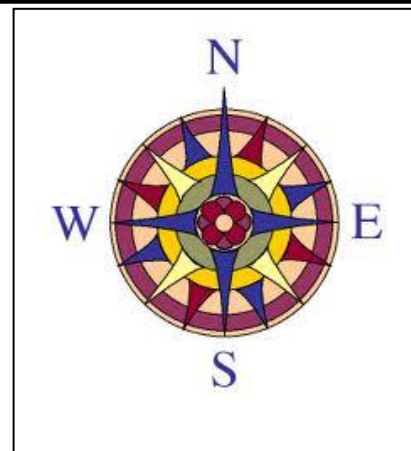




## Site 12: Seaplane Ramp

N 40° 35' 45.47"

W 73° 53' 51.93"



Floyd Bennett Field was an exceptional location for seaplanes to land because of the runway channels dredged in Jamaica Bay. Seaplane ramps, like this one, allowed planes that land on water to taxi onto land to offload, refuel and hangar. This is one of three seaplane ramps on Floyd Bennett. Classic seaplanes and flying boats, like the Hall-Aluminum PH-2, the Grumman Goose JRF-5, the Martin Mariner, Kingfisher, Grumman Albatross and the Martin Marlin- used by the Coast Guard, the United States Navy and the New York Police Department, utilized the seaplane ramps here.

Today the ramp serves as an exceptional kayak launch into Jamaica Bay. From this Eastern shore of Floyd Bennett Field anglers ply the waters for bluefish, striped bass, flounder, fluke and weakfish. The wildlife refuge in front of you is comprised of saltmarsh, freshwater ponds, and upland habitats. These areas provide food and shelter for a variety of birds and other animals.

**Visit Instructions:** There are mooring cleats for tying down seaplanes at the ramp - note the number of cleats.